IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION Atty. Dkt. 1858-25 Assistant Commissioner for Patents jc891 U.S. PTO Washington, DC 20231 Date: January 29, 2001 Sir: NT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: This is a request for filing a new PA SELF-CROSS-LINKING ALKYL CELLULOSE DERIVATIVE, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: An abstract together with \boxtimes 26 pages of specification and claims including numbered claims and also attached is/are sheets of accompanying drawings. 6 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s): Application No. Country **Filing Date** Hei 11-177517 Japan 23 June 1999 (priority not claimed) respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): Application No. Filing Date respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby 🚽 claimed therefrom. Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee. Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Other: YOSHII **Fumio** Inventor: (first) (citizenship) MI (last) Takasaki-shi, Gunma (state/country) Japan Residence: (city) c/o Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute, Takasaki Radiation Chemistry Research Establishment Mailing Address: 1233, Watanuki-cho, Takasaki-shi, Gunma, Japan (Zip Code) 370-1207 **KUME** Tamikazu

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